Kramer Electronics, Ltd.

USER MANUAL

Model:

VA-680D

Digital Audio Delay

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This addendum adds the following information to the user manual:

Caution – No operator-serviceable parts inside unit.

Warning – Use only the Kramer Electronics input power wall adapter that is provided with this unit[1].

Warning – Disconnect power and unplug unit from wall before installing or removing device or servicing unit.

1 For example: model number AD2512C, part number 2535-000251

1 Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics (since 1981): a world of unique, creative and affordable solutions to the infinite range of problems that confront the video, audio and presentation professional on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better! Our 350-plus different models now appear in 8 Groups[1], which are clearly defined by function.

Congratulations on purchasing your **VA-680D**, which is ideal for audio/video broadcasting and production studios.

The package includes the following items:

- **VA-680D** *Digital Audio Delay*
- Power adapter (12V DC Input)
- This user manual[2]

2 Getting Started

We recommend that you:

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packaging materials for possible future shipment
- Review the contents of this user manual
- Use Kramer high performance high resolution cables[3]

1 GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Video and Audio Switchers, Matrix Switchers and Controllers; GROUP 3: Video, Audio, VGA/XGA Processors; GROUP 4: Interfaces and Sync Processors; GROUP 5: Twisted Pair Interfaces; GROUP 6: Accessories and Rack Adapters; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; and GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors

2 Download up-to-date Kramer user manuals from the Internet at this URL: http://www.kramerelectronics.com

3 The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com

3 Overview

The Kramer **VA-680D** is a digital delay line that can be used as a coax-to-optical or optical-to-coax converter, as a coax or optical repeater, as a digital audio switcher and as an audio delay line.

The high-performance **VA-680D**:

- Lets you adjust for lip sync errors so that the audio delay will match the video delay[1]
- Lets you adjust the brightness of the display via the dimmer setting
- Automatically sets the maximum delay time according to the input sample rate (for each input channel)
- Recalls the previously set display brightness level and input settings[2] via its non-volatile memory after powering up
- Provides a delay time, ranging from 0 up to 999 milliseconds[3] in increments of 1msec
- Is EIAJ CP1201, IEC-60958, AES3, S/PDIF compatible and supports 32kHz to 96kHz sample frequency range
- Is fully transparent to the digital stream, making it ideal for the most demanding audio applications including home cinema and professional audio applications (such as PCM, Dolby Digital, DTS, AES and so on)
- Is 12VDC fed and is housed in a DigiTOOLS enclosure

Achieving the best performance means:

- Connecting only good quality connection cables, thus avoiding interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Avoiding interference that may adversely influence signal quality and positioning the **VA-680D** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

4 Your VA-680D Digital Audio Delay

Figure 1 and Table 1 define the **VA-680D** *Digital Audio Delay*:

1 An example of a TV broadcasting lip sync error is when the sound is heard before the speaker's lips move

2 Input sampling rate and delay time for each channel

3 Depending on the input sample rate signal (see Table 2)

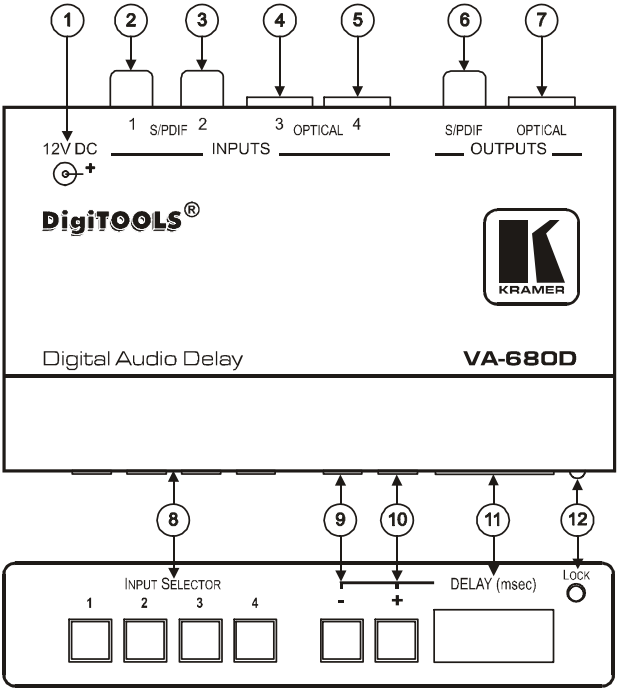

Figure 1: VA-680D Digital Audio Delay

Table 1: Features and Functions of the VA-680D Digital Audio Delay

#	Feature		Function
1	***12V DC***		+12V DC connector for powering the unit
2	***INPUTS***	***S/PDIF*** RCA Connector 1	Connect to the digital audio source 1
3		***S/PDIF*** RCA Connector 2	Connect to the digital audio source 2
4		***OPTICAL*** Connector 3	Connect to the digital audio source 3
5		***OPTICAL*** Connector 4	Connect to the digital audio source 4
6	***OUTPUTS***	***S/PDIF***	Connect to the digital audio acceptor
7		***OPTICAL***	Connect to the digital audio acceptor
8	***INPUT SELECTOR*** Buttons		Press button (1 to 4) to select the input
9	***DELAY (msec)***	**-** Button[1]	Press to decrease the delay time[2]
10		**+** Button[1]	Press to increase the delay time[2]
11		***DELAY (msec)*** 7-segment Display	Displays the delay time[3]
12	***LOCK*** LED		Lights when the audio is locked

1 For step-by-step response, press and release these button(s) as required. Press continuously for a quicker response

2 Both the - and + buttons are used when setting the brightness of the display (see section 5.2)

3 Ranging from 0 to 999 milliseconds in increments of 1msec (see section 5.1)

5 Using the VA-680D Digital Audio Delay

To adjust a lip sync error when using a scaler, use the **VA-680D**, as the example in Figure 2 illustrates:

1. Connect the audio output of the DVD players to the S/PDIF and/or OPTICAL INPUTS (inputs 1 to 4) on the **VA-680D**.
2. Connect the S/PDIF and/or OPTICAL OUTPUTS on the **VA-680D** to the audio input on the audio receiver (for example an AV receiver).
3. Connect the 12V DC power adapter[1] to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity.
4. Press an INPUT SELECTOR button[1] (1 to 4) to select the desired source to switch to the outputs[2].
5. Set the Delay Control, as section 5.1 describes.

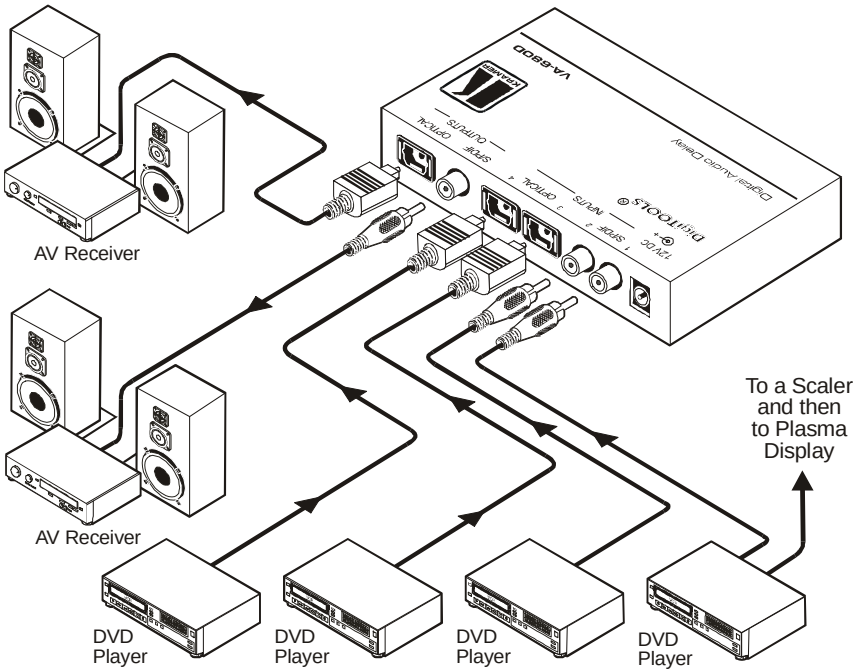

Figure 2: Connecting the VA-680D Digital Audio Delay

1 Not shown in Figure 2

2 Both outputs are available

5.1 Setting the Delay Time

Set the delay time via the – and + buttons[1] on the front side-panel. Delay time is displayed (in msec) on the 7-segment display located next to these buttons.

The maximum delay time is set according to the input sampling rate, as described in Table 2:

Table 2: Delay Time Settings According to Sampling Rate

Sampling Rate [kHz]	Delay Time Range [msec]
32	0 – 999
44.1	0 – 740
48	0 – 680
96	0 – 340

The delay time setting (per channel) is saved in the non-volatile memory.

5.2 Setting the Display Brightness (Dimmer Setting) Level

Use the dimmer settings to modify the brightness of the four input buttons and the display. To set the brightness (dimmer setting) level, do the following:

1. Press both the + and – buttons continuously for 3 seconds.
   The four input buttons illuminate.
   The 7-segment display shows the brightness level[2].
2. Press the + or – button to increase or decrease the brightness level.
   The brightness of the four input buttons and the display is adjusted accordingly.
3. After setting the brightness, exit the dimmer setting by either:
   - Pressing any of the four input buttons. This button is then selected, and the unit returns to normal operation; **OR**
   - Waiting 20 seconds. The unit returns to normal operation

The dimmer setting is saved in the non-volatile memory.

1 in 1msec steps

2 Ranging from 1 to 100

6 Technical Specifications

Table 3 includes the technical specifications:

Table 3: Technical Specifications[1] *of the VA-680D Digital Audio Delay*

INPUTS:	2 S/PDIF input on an RCA connector; 2 Toslink optical connector
OUTPUTS:	1 S/PDIF output on an RCA connector; 1 Toslink optical connector
AUDIO SIGNAL COMPATIBILITY:	Digital Audio (S/PDIF): All current broadcast/DVD standards, including Dolby Digital, EX, DTS, ES and PCM Audio sample rates of 32kHz, 44.1kHz, 48kHz (standard DVD) and 96kHz (DTS 96/24)
AUDIO DELAY CAPABILITIES (DIPSWITCH SETTINGS):	0-999ms for 32kHz sample rate signals 0-740ms for 44.1kHz sample rate signals 0-680ms for 48kHz sample rate signals 0-340ms for 96kHz sample rate signals 4 user programmable presets (1 per input)
POWER SOURCE:	12V DC, 300mA
DIMENSIONS:	12 cm x 7.5 cm x 2.5 cm (4.7" x 2.95" 0.98", W, D, H)
WEIGHT:	0.3 kg (0.67 lbs.) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power adapter, mounting bracket
OPTIONS:	19” rack adapters: RK-T1, RK-T3

1 Specifications are subject to change without notice

LIMITED WARRANTY

Kramer Electronics (hereafter Kramer) warrants this product free from defects in material and workmanship under the following terms.

HOW LONG IS THE WARRANTY

Labor and parts are warranted for three years from the date of the first customer purchase.

WHO IS PROTECTED?

Only the first purchase customer may enforce this warranty.

WHAT IS COVERED AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED

Except as below, this warranty covers all defects in material or workmanship in this product. The following are not covered by the warranty:

1. Any product which is not distributed by Kramer, or which is not purchased from an authorized Kramer dealer. If you are uncertain as to whether a dealer is authorized, please contact Kramer at one of the agents listed in the Web site www.kramerelectronics.com.
2. Any product, on which the serial number has been defaced, modified or removed.
3. Damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from:
   - i) Accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature
   - ii) Product modification, or failure to follow instructions supplied with the product
   - iii) Repair or attempted repair by anyone not authorized by Kramer
   - iv) Any shipment of the product (claims must be presented to the carrier)
   - v) Removal or installation of the product
   - vi) Any other cause, which does not relate to a product defect
   - vii) Cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with the product

WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR AND WHAT WE WILL NOT PAY FOR

We will pay labor and material expenses for covered items. We will not pay for the following:

1. Removal or installations charges.
2. Costs of initial technical adjustments (set-up), including adjustment of user controls or programming. These costs are the responsibility of the Kramer dealer from whom the product was purchased.
3. Shipping charges.

HOW YOU CAN GET WARRANTY SERVICE

1. To obtain service on you product, you must take or ship it prepaid to any authorized Kramer service center.
2. Whenever warranty service is required, the original dated invoice (or a copy) must be presented as proof of warranty coverage, and should be included in any shipment of the product. Please also include in any mailing a contact name, company, address, and a description of the problem(s).
3. For the name of the nearest Kramer authorized service center, consult your authorized dealer.

LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

All implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the length of this warranty.

EXCLUSION OF DAMAGES

The liability of Kramer for any effective products is limited to the repair or replacement of the product at our option. Kramer shall not be liable for:

1. Damage to other property caused by defects in this product, damages based upon inconvenience, loss of use of the product, loss of time, commercial loss; or:
2. Any other damages, whether incidental, consequential or otherwise. Some countries may not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from place to place.
NOTE: All products returned to Kramer for service must have prior approval. This may be obtained from your dealer.
This equipment has been tested to determine compliance with the requirements of:

EN-50081:	"Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC); generic emission standard. Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry"
EN-50082:	"Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) generic immunity standard. Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry environment".
CFR-47:	FCC Rules and Regulations: Part 15: “Radio frequency devices Subpart B – Unintentional radiators”

CAUTION!

- Servicing the machines can only be done by an authorized Kramer technician. Any user who makes changes or modifications to the unit without the expressed approval of the manufacturer will void user authority to operate the equipment.
- Use the supplied DC power supply to feed power to the machine.
- Please use recommended interconnection cables to connect the machine to other components.

For the latest information on our products and a list of Kramer distributors, visit our Web site: www.kramerelectronics.com, where updates to this user manual may be found.
We welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Safety Warning:
Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening/servicing.

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